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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Examiner

Gary L. Welch

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3 and 5-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3 and 5-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 5 and 7-9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment, filed 23 November 2005, has been reviewed and considered. Claims 2 and 4 are canceled, claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9 are amended and new claim 10 is added. Therefore, claims 1, 3 and 5-10 are currently pending. Independent claim 1 was amended to overcome the examiner's 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection raised in the first Office Action. However, there is no support in the specification or drawings for the amended material and therefore the amended material is considered new matter. Therefore, the prior art rejections raised in the first Office Action remain.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1, 5, 7, 8 and 9 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Amended claim 1 has removed step b thereby leaving steps a, c, d and e. It appears that the steps after step a should be re-lettered as steps b, c, d and e.

Claims 5, 7, 8 and 9 depend from canceled claim 4.

3. Claims 7-9 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from another multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 7-9 not been further treated on the merits.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 1, 3 and 5-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The amended recitations: "plurality of oval hole-patterns between the sizes 17x20 inches and 31x4 inches" (claim 1), "plywood, plastic, metal" (claim 3) and "between 4 and 7 degrees" (claim 5) was not disclosed in the originally filed specification or drawings and therefore the claims are rejected because of the incorporation of new matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

7. Claims 1, 3 and 5-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1, step d requires "a method in which to gain...desired by the fur industry".

This is a method step incorporated into a structural claim and does not offer any

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structure that defines over the prior art or further limits the structural claim. The recitation is indefinite because there are no metes and bounds of the patent protection sought (i.e., what is the structure that enables the fur pelt to be able to get the most trade value?).

Claims 3 and 5-10 depend from rejected claims 1 and 2 and are therefore rejected accordingly under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

9. Claims 1, 3, 5-6 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nelson (U.S. 3,407,634).

Nelson discloses a pelting system 10 comprising a template 17, a plurality of evenly spaced perforations (Figure 3) along the periphery of the template and pointed nails 18.

With regard to claim 2, the rigid planar sheet material is of suitable thickness to provide lateral support.

With regard to claim 3, the rigid sheet material is plywood (Col. 3, lines 22-27).

With regard to claim 4, the edge of each perforation is beveled (see figure 3 where nail head 22 is flush with surface 23).

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With regard to claim 5, the perforations in which the nail enters may be at right angles to the frame surface or substantially at right angles (Col. 3, lines 28-33).

Substantially at right angles is broad enough to consider that the perforations are tilted.

With regard to claim 6, the nails 18 are sharp 20.

With regard to claim 10, two pelts are capable of being dried at the same time on the pelting system of Nelson by attaching the second pelt to the nails already protruding from the rigid planar sheet.

Conclusion

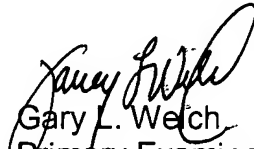
10. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary L. Welch whose telephone number is (571) 272-4996. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 5:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John J. Calvert can be reached on (571) 272-4983. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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